(c) if so, what is the outcome thereof stating the steps taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) The Government is aware of the press report.

(b) and (c) Special coins known as proof coins/uncirculated coins in the denomination of Rs. 100 have been brought out to commemorate special occasions. These coins are individually struck and are of exceptionally high quality. These are not issued for general circulation. The price of these coins, which are usually bought by coin collections, is also much higher than the face value.

Some time back two persons who were engaged in the manufacture of counterfeit coins of Rs. 100 denomination were arrested in Delhi. It is likely that the Rs. 100 coin referred to in the press report is a counterfeit one.

Pakistani Espionage Activities in Indian Border Areas

94. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Pakistan has intensfied its espionage activities in India, particularly in the border areas; and

(b) if so, how many spy gangs were busted in the border areas during the last two years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) Information is being collected and will be laid tn the Table of the House.

Tripartite Meeting on GNLF Problem

95. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Government called for a tripartite meet to thrash out the GNLF issue;

(b) if so, when was the meeting held and what was its outcome; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that the GNLF leaders are constantly changing their stand for holding negotiations and for settlement of the issue?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) A tripartite meeting was held in Delhi on January 25, 1988 which was attended by the Chief Minister, West Bengal, Shri Jyoti Basu, Shri Subash Ghising, President of the GNLF and the Union Home Minister. It was agreed to have further discussions to give final shape to the concept of the Hill Development Council.

Notices issued to Builders for Fire Safety Measures

96. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have issued notices to 17 builders for enforcement of fire safety measures in Delhi;

(b) if so, how many of them have complied with the rules so far; and

(c) what action has been taken against the builders for violation of the fire safety measures?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) 21 fresh notices have been given to builders/occupiers.